AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 9 as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A signal converter located between a computer and an appliance for transferring data into [[an]] the appliance comprising:

a first end connected to a port of a computer for receiving a first signal;

a second end connected to a memory device of said appliance via a cable for outputting a second signal; and

a controller located outside of said appliance for converting said first signal into said second signal.

2.   (Original) The signal converter according to claim 1, wherein said appliance is a toy.

3.   (Original) The signal converter according to claim 1, wherein said memory device is one of an Electrically Programmable Read-Only Memory (EEPROM) and a flash memory.

4.   (Original) The signal converter according to claim 1, wherein said computer is further linked to Internet.

5.   (Original) The signal converter according to claim 1, wherein said second signal is a digital signal.

6.   (Original) The signal converter according to claim 5, wherein said port is a serial port and said first signal is a serial signal.

7.   (Original) The signal converter according to claim 5, wherein said port is a parallel port and said first signal is a parallel signal.

8.   (Original) The signal converter according to claim 7, wherein said parallel port is a print port.

9.   (Currently Amended) A method for downloading refreshed data from a computer to an appliance, comprising steps of:

providing an appliance having a memory device;

electrically connecting said memory device with a computer via a signal converter located between said computer and said appliance comprising a first end for receiving a first signal, a second end connected to said memory device for outputting a second signal and a controller located outside of said appliance for converting said first signal into said second signal; and

downloading data from said computer to said memory device for refreshing data stored in said appliance.

10.   (Original) The method according to claim 9, wherein said appliance is a toy.

11.   (Original) The method according to claim 9, wherein said memory device is one of an Electrically Programmable Read-Only Memory (EEPROM) and a flash memory.

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12.   (Original) The method according to claim 9, wherein said computer is further linked to Internet.

13.   (Original) The method according to claim 9, wherein said second signal is a digital signal.

14.   (Original) The method according to claim 13, wherein said port is a serial port and said first signal is a serial signal.

15.   (Original) The method according to claim 13, wherein said port is a parallel port and said first signal is a parallel signal.

16.   (Original) The method according to claim 15, wherein said parallel port is a print port.